

The Delta Regional Authority J-1 Visa Waiver Program

Compliance Guidelines

The Delta Regional Authority will administer compliance of the J-1 Visa Waiver Program in three steps.

1. The administrator of the facility and the physician will sign and mail the “Physician Employment Verification Form”, which is provided in the application package, to the Delta Regional Authority within the first week that the physician begins work. Include copies of documentation that physician is in H-1B status including approval notices from USCIS, the physician's I-94 forms and a copy of the H-1B visa stamp from the physician's passport if the physician has already been granted an H-1B visa. If the physician was not licensed in the state of practice at the time the application for the waiver was submitted, a copy of the physician's state medical license must be included with this form. The Delta Regional Authority will then mail a copy of this form (and a copy of state medical licenses and documents needed to verify status if necessary) to the appropriate state agency.
2. The DRA will mail two separate site survey forms every six months during physician's employment contract. The surveys will be completed and returned separately to the DRA by both the J-1 physician and the administrator of the facility. The surveys are not identical and will ask confidential questions to both the J-1 physician and the administrator. This survey also requests the number of Medicare, Medicaid, and indigent patients that the facility and the physician has treated in that six-month period, and whether both parties have otherwise complied with the terms of the DRA J-1 Visa Waiver Program.
3. The Delta Regional Authority or an agent representing the DRA may conduct unannounced site visits at random during the three-year employment period. If the physician or employer is found to be out of compliance, the DRA will immediately notify the appropriate agencies and recommend the taking of appropriate enforcement actions.